

Society News and Chat

Two New Members of Cabinet Circle, Daughters of Postmaster General

ADVANCING spring heralds the approach of the engagement announcements, a group of which always come with the spring hats, the mating of the birds and the Easter season.

This year the indications all point to an unprecedented number of engagements and weddings. This is a natural consequence of a season with half a hundred debutantes occupying the center of the stage, with a surprising number of beauties among them, to say nothing of the debutantes of last season who are equally attractive and of equal prominence.

Fashions in the announcing of the engagements are changing, like everything else, and now it is more customary not to announce the engagement until the invitations for the wedding are out. For this reason, there will be an avalanche of announcements for the Easter season, and weddings, too, for that matter.

Long engagements are quite out of fashion. The men who perpetrate proposals in these twentieth century days must be prepared to have the wedding day named immediately.

The announcement of the engagement of the Nicaraguan minister and the youngest debutante of the season was the sensation of the mid-winter, and there is a promise of an equally interesting and important affair being the announcement of resistance of the spring season.

EVER before has there been a time when so much money was represented in the Diplomatic Corps as there is now, and the spring season will be brilliant in consequence.

There are so many new members of the corps, all with obligations to the already established members, that between now and the time for hieing them to the seaside and mountain resort, there will be a continual round of dinings and receptions, with a liberal sprinkling of coaching parties, with little jaunts to the Country Club and the Chevy Chase Club for luncheon and supper.

There is nothing more charming than the spring season in Washington. It is exclusive, informal, and sufficiently impressive to attract the most exacting.

The three women of the Diplomatic Corps who are just now most prominently in the public eye are Mme. de Creel, wife of the Mexican ambassador; Viscountess Aoki, wife of the Japanese ambassador, and Mrs. Bryce, wife of the British ambassador, the newest arrival among the ambassadors, and, consequently, those who will take the end of the line until the arrival of the still newer ambassador from Chile, whose name has not yet been made public, although it is said he has been appointed.

The entertainments have begun for the Bryces, the first one since the dinner in the White House being the reception given to Mr. Bryce by the Cosmos Club, when he met nearly all of official and diplomatic Washington. The Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce will receive the corps in the embassy on Wednesday afternoon, according to the custom of each incoming member of the corps. The embassy has been transformed and brightened to a very remarkable degree, and, truth to tell, it needed it.

THE Miacreme event was the domino ball of the Herbert Wadsworths, which is in reality an annual affair, but which was not so brilliant a function as has been given by them formerly.

The unfortunate invasion of a strange man at the Walsh masked ball on New Year Eve, put rather a damper upon the Wadsworths. They had their masked ball scheduled for earlier in the season, but on this very account they changed their plans, and at the same time made the remarkable request to the men guests that they should be unmasked, and to the women guests that they should come in white dominoes.

It looked much like a sheet and pillow case party, but the dancing was just as gay and the punch was just as good as though the affair was a conventional and regulation masked ball, when it was in reality only a half masked ball.

Personals.

Second Auditor Benjamin F. Harper and Mrs. Harper, of Indiana, left Washington Tuesday evening for a several weeks' trip to Panama. Mr. Harper's niece, Miss Nellie Harper, who has spent the winter with them in their apartment in the New Bern, has returned to her home in Indiana.

Mrs. James McMillan and Miss Amy McMillan have returned to their home, on Vermont avenue, after spending a short time in Detroit, where they went for the funeral of the former's son, W. C. McMillan. They will spend the early spring in their Washington home.

Mrs. Peter Studebaker and her niece Mrs. Lunsford, both of South Bend, Ind., who made a visit here last week, have gone on to Asheville, N. C., where they will spend the spring season.

The Misses Helen and Kate Boardman, of New Milford, Conn., arrived in town on Friday for an extended stay. During their stay the sisters will be located with Miss Buss on the corner of Vermont avenue and L street north-west.

Mrs. Brick, wife of Representative A. L. Brick, is still in her apartments in the Normandie. Mr. Brick having been detained here this week. They may also make a trip to Cuba, following the example of many of Mr. Brick's colleagues, before going home.

Representative and Mrs. Townsend, Representative and Mrs. Loud, and Representative and Mrs. Fordney, all of Michigan, who spend their winters at the Dewey, left on Monday and Tuesday afternoon for their respective homes in Michigan.

Representative and Mrs. Crumpacker and Representative and Mrs. Overstreet, all of Indianapolis, started for home on Wednesday afternoon. They arrived together shortly after the holidays and have spent busy seasons at the Dewey and the New Willard Hotels, respectively.

Senator and Mrs. Burrows will not go down to Atlantic City for several weeks yet, in fact they will not go until late this month. They have had visits from their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George McNeil, who were on their way to their home on the Hudson from a winter trip to Florida.

Representative and Mrs. Charles B. Landis, who have spent the season at the Highlands, closed their apartment there yesterday and sailed today for a six weeks' trip to Porto Rico. Although Mrs. Landis is greatly improved in health over what she was last winter, she is not yet entirely strong, and this trip is taken largely for her benefit. She had expected to spend this winter abroad, with her young daughter Mary, but was not strong enough to stand the ocean voyage.

The departure of the many Senatorial and Congressional families, some permanent, some temporary, and some few for a very short stay, has made it



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of her countrywomen to study the collegiate system, with the view of establishing a college under the most progressive system in Japan, where native girls could be trained in the higher branches of instruction so as to prepare themselves as teachers. Of this school Miss Tsuda has been principal for several years, with gratifying results along all lines, and English is taught from its rudimentary branches through out the entire course of study. Miss Tsuda has taken advantage of a year's much-needed rest and recreation to return to the familiar scenes of her childhood, which have never lost their hold upon her during all the years of her busy life in the broad field of education, and is accompanied by her younger sister, the two will travel in the United States for the greater part of a year before returning to Japan, meeting everywhere warm friends who will warmly welcome her as classmate and loved companion.

Mrs. Edwin C. Bartlett and the Misses Bartlett, of Florence Court, Washington Heights, have discontinued their Tuesdays at home, owing to Mrs. Bartlett's recent illness, but on Tuesdays in April they will resume their informal at home.

Samuel Pitts, of Northeast, entertained some of his friends Sunday in honor of Miss Annie Cannon, also of Northeast. Many interesting games were played. A musical program was rendered by Carrie Smith, Katie Flynn S. Pitts, and William H. Pitts, after which refreshments were served in a beautifully decorated dining room.

Mrs. Williams was hostess last night at a small informal dinner company in her home on Massachusetts avenue.

The newly appointed British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce are now comfortably established in the embassy on Connecticut avenue, and on Wednesday will receive the various members of the Diplomatic Corps. Late this week of early next week they will leave Washington for New York, where, on March 22, they will go to the guests of honor at dinner of the former American ambassador to Great Britain and Mrs. Choate. March 23, Mr. C. B. Alexander, of New York, will entertain at a large evening reception complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Bryce.

Mrs. Shaw and the Misses Shaw, wife and daughters of Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury, have left Washington for a short stay at Atlantic City before joining Mr. Shaw in New York, where they will take up their residence.

Mrs. Pettus was hostess this afternoon at a charmingly arranged afternoon tea complimentary to Miss Frances Williams. Miss Gertrude Williams, her sister, presided over the tea table and assisted Mrs. Pettus in doing the honors of the afternoon.

Col. and Mrs. Charles S. Brownell entertained a company at dinner tonight complimentary to Mr. Wright, of New York. The list of guests invited to meet Mr. Wright included the Danish minister, Mr. Brun, Mrs. Charles H. Keep, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Legare, Miss Juliette Williams, Miss Couderc, and Walter Andrews.

The Secretary of War is a champion traveler. He will make a spring trip to Cuba and Panama, largely for the inspection of the conditions and the work, and in July he will sail again for the Philippines for a fall visit. On this latter trip he will be accompanied by Mrs. Taft and their charming young daughter, who will be one of the debutantes of two seasons hence. She spent several years of her early life in Manila and is looking forward with delight to a return visit there. The Secretary will take but a small and private party

with him on this journey, the personnel of which is not yet made up.

Mrs. Donald McLean has been in Washington for the past week attending to the business of the coming D. A. R. congress, April 15, forming committees, etc. The Saturday evening before the convention of the congress, April 13, there will be a musical reception at the New Willard, for Continental Memorial Hall, of which Mrs. Frances H. Terry, of New York is chairman. Mrs. McLean, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Beale McLean, left Washington yesterday for Norfolk to visit the site of the exposition as commissioner of New York, and do all in her power to assist in having the New York building ready by the opening of the exposition on April 26. While in Washington Mrs. McLean and Miss McLean received much social attention. They were entertained at luncheon by Mrs. Truman H. Newberry, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and by Mrs. Fred T. DuBois, wife of the Senator from Idaho. Mrs. McLean will return to New York on the 14th to attend a reception in her honor given by Miss Lois Borgs.

Prof. and Mrs. Williston Hough, nee Mills, entertained a dinner company of twelve covers last evening in the Chevy Chase Club, in honor of Mrs. Gotthold, of New York. It was a novel dinner party in that the women guests were all in short skirts prepared for the bowling which occupied the latter portion of the evening.

The newly appointed American Minister to Ecuador and Mrs. William C. Fox went to New York yesterday, where they will remain for a week before going to their new post in Ecuador. They will sail from there on the 15th, accompanied by the Minister from Ecuador, Mr. Carbo, who goes on a special mission and will remain at home during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Fox are accompanied by their daughter, Miss Eusebia, their other children remaining in this country during their absence abroad.

Justice Ashley M. Gould, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, was married at noon yesterday to Miss Elizabeth Morris Brewer, of this city. The wedding was solemnized in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Morris Whittemore Torrey, 10 Winthrop Terrace, East Orange. The Rev. C. E. Hutchison, pastor of the Christ Episcopal Church of East Orange, officiated. Owing to the recent death of the mother of the bridegroom, the wedding was a small one, there being only a few near relatives and friends present. After a brief trip South, Mr. and Mrs. Gould will return to their Washington home.

Mr. Justice and Mrs. Gould have been engaged for two years past, although it was not generally known, and the wedding is a distinct surprise to many of their friends. Justice Gould slipped away on his interesting mission, accompanied by his sister, Miss Bertha Gould, without letting any of his plans be known, even to his near friends.

Mrs. J. Addison Hicks left Washington yesterday for a visit to relatives in New York city for a few days before a trip to Palm Beach, Fla. She is expected to return to Washington early in May.

The next social meeting of the Council of Jewish Women, which will take place Tuesday next, at 2:30 p. m., in the vestry of the Eighth Street Temple, offers an attractive program, including a reading by Mrs. A. M. Baer, a parliamentary drill by Levi H. David, and an instrumental duet by Mrs. Meyer Felthimer and Mrs. Levi H. David.

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Mrs. Betty Gans, mother of Mrs. Samuel Bieber, will be at home Thursday, March 14, from 2:30 till 5 o'clock, at 624 G street southeast, in honor of the ninety-third anniversary of her birthday.

Miss Edna M. Weyl is spending the week in Baltimore, the guest of Mrs. Felix Cahn.

The Octagon Pleasure Club will give a dance at Dyer's Hall, the 28th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph B. Behrend, of the Huntington, gave a dinner at their home, in honor of Mrs. William Heilprin, of New York city, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Nussbaum, of Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mrs. Benjamin K. Leon is spending a few days in Baltimore with friends.

Dinners and Luncheons

Mrs. William McAleer, of 900 French street northwest, was hostess at a prettily arranged luncheon March 6, the decorations being in red, with little yellow chickens as favors. The event being the organizing of the Friendly Nine, composed of Mrs. William McAleer, Mrs. H. Rasmann, Mrs. W. A. Boswell, Mrs. T. B. Espron, Miss M. Carpenter, Mrs. W. B. Palmer, Mrs. J. C. Meier, Mrs. G. A. Grill, Mrs. C. H. Hogarth, with Mrs. William Bartholomae and Miss R. Bartholomae as invited guests.



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Engagement Announced At Alexandria

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Kirk announce the engagement of their daughter, Adelaide Ursula, to James William May. The ceremony will take place May 19 at the Methodist Protestant Church.

Mrs. Cassius F. Lee has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. George Carr Henry, at Marlinton, N. Y., and is now visiting her daughter, Mrs. William J. Bothe, of this city.

Mrs. Marshall King has returned from a short trip to New York city.

Miss N. Lillie Hudgins, of Portsmouth, Va., has returned to her home after a visit to Miss Bessie W. Jones, on Prince street.

Miss Anne Lewis Jones is now visiting her aunt, Mrs. Columbus Shriver, in Baltimore, after having been the guest (Continued on Fifth Page.)

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